

German View of the Entente Note

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BLOCK PLAN FOR PEACE

Declares That Further Peace Overtures by Germans Have Been Blocked and That War Must Be Fought Out to the Bitter End.

Berlin, Sunday, Jan. 14. (By wireless to the Associated Press, via Sayville.)—Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, the German foreign minister, informed the Associated Press today that, in his opinion, the entente reply to President Wilson's peace note bars the possibility for the present of further German steps to bring about peace. In particular, he said, it precluded any direct announcement by Germany of her peace intentions, in answer to the terms set forth in the latest entente note.

Dr. Zimmerman asserted, however, that the answer of the entente to the president did not finally and completely close the door to later efforts for peace before one side or the other was completely crushed. The foreign minister, in the course of a conversation with The Associated Press correspondent last night, declared, although with obvious reluctance, that it was impossible for him to give a more definite statement of the peace programme of the central powers than that indicated in the declarations of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the chancellor, because the German terms were such that the unconditional promulgation of them in their modern details after would be characterized as the aspiring program of conquest and dismemberment outlined by the entente powers as a sign of weakness and of a desire for peace at any cost.

Publication of the peace terms of the central powers, therefore, would defeat its every purpose, said Dr. Zimmerman. The foreign minister expressed doubt whether, after what he described as the rebuff to President Wilson's peace efforts given in the reply of the entente, the president could take any further action for the present, adding that the entente answer excluded for the present, any possibility of peace.

Expressing a profound conviction that the programme of the entente powers could never be carried into effect, Dr. Zimmerman intimated that a failure of the entente's offensive this year, which he expected, might again make it possible to approach the subject of peace on reasonable terms and with some prospect of success.

"The entente powers have cut out for themselves a big programme," said Dr. Zimmerman, in answer to a query as to his opinion on the note to certain extent outlined their plans," said the correspondent, "do you think there is any possibility of Germany declaring in some form or other its programme for a peace settlement?"

Can Do Nothing More. "No," replied the minister after reflection. "I think we can do nothing

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more. We cannot afford to give the impression that we are chasing after peace at all costs. After the entente allies have put out this highly ambitious programme, an announcement of the firm and moderate German terms of peace would be contrasted probably by interpreted by our adversaries as an indication of weakness and would be used by them to encourage their people to fight on. Our people would not understand any further effort by us for the introduction of peace after the entente's declaration. We have to consider public opinion here."

Dr. Zimmerman said he could obviously see the advantages from one point of view in declaring Germany's terms and letting the world see, by contrast with those to which the entente powers have committed themselves, the real state of affairs, but seemed to be convinced that such advantages were not sufficient to affect the attitude of the entente powers or to outweigh the effect on opinion in enemy countries of the announcements of the terms regarding Belgium and the others in this war.

To the question as to whether he saw the possibility of Germany's making such a declaration of his intentions, should a further inquiry be made from the neutral side, for example, by President Wilson, the minister replied:

"But will he make such an inquiry, after the entente reply, which in its nature is, shall we say, insulting?" "Do you think that after an interval there will be any possibility of an offer of mediation for peace being accepted by both sides?" the minister was asked.

"Yes," he replied. "The desire for peace of all the peoples, minus, I say, no governments—is so strong that after the entente has made another try at a new offensive, after it has seen the fruitlessness of all the endeavors to crush the military strength of the central powers, there may be a better possibility of negotiating a satisfactory and reasonable peace."

territorial aggrandizement of Russia, Italy, Serbia and Rumania, would leave the state not even a third rate power, while who can say what would be the fate of the 'redeemed small nations' when Germany, under the name of Russia, Bulgaria, and Turkey, would practically cease to exist.

How About Settling Ireland Free. "The entente tries to justify its aims of conquest by what it calls liberalism, instead of pillaging. Charity begins at home. Why does not England give a practical example of her idea of liberty by setting Ireland free?"

Passing to a subject of immediate interest to the United States—Germany's demand for the withdrawal of the American minister, Charles J. Volpicola, from Bucharest—Dr. Zimmerman confirmed the report of this action but declared that the motives were entirely different from the foreign newspapers. The measure, he said, was not directed against Mr. Volpicola personally, but it applied to all diplomatic representatives in the Rumanian capital who had failed to follow the court which they were accredited to its new seat of government. Not only America, Holland and Greece, in the person of their diplomatic representatives, were affected, but even Germany's ally, Austria, did not retain her minister in the Rumanian capital, which is in the German sphere of occupation. International law does not recognize the status of a diplomat accredited to a government in a country which is under the military occupation of another power.

Reinforced that the American and Spanish diplomatic representatives in Belgium were accorded a quasi-diplomatic status Dr. Zimmerman pointed out that this was a matter of opinion as concerned the individual military commanders and that while Field Marshal von der Goltz, the former military commander in Belgium, had acquiesced in the arrangement, Field Marshal von Mackensen, the commander of the Rumanian campaign, took a different stand.

committee today the problem of getting under construction the four battle cruisers already authorized for the navy.

Details as to negotiations with private shipbuilders were laid before the committee with the definite statement that the ships could be built in private plants for less than \$15,000,000 each, or \$2,000,000 more than the fixed limit of cost. A preliminary estimate for navy yard construction, submitted by Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, was \$17,500,000 but Secretary Daniels said a formal estimate would be furnished later.

Paymaster George P. Auld, who examined the books of the Fore River, Newport News and Cramp Shipbuilding companies, told the committee that in preparing to take contracts on the basis of cost and a percentage of profit, the companies estimated material for each vessel at \$10,000,000; that at \$4,900,000 and overhead expense at \$2,500,000, taking up the entire \$16,500,000 limit of cost, to which profit and extra expense would be added. Paymaster Auld pointed out that the cost of material a year or two ago would have been about \$6,000,000 and argued that in fixing their price the builders had figured on collecting a percentage on the \$4,900,000 inflation.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt told of negotiations with the steel makers concerning material for the ships, saying they had agreed to a reduction of \$87,435 per ship, or a total reduction of \$349,740 on all four ships, provided the four were exactly alike. He pointed out that examination of the Fore River ship company's tentative contracts showed that the bulk of its steel orders would go to the Carnegie Steel company, although the plant is controlled by the Bethlehem Steel company, because of the lower figures quoted by the Carnegie plant.

Representative Padgett, chairman of the committee, asked Secretary Daniels if it was possible to put the ships in government yards. The secretary thought it possible.

Among the witnesses at the hearing were the recent stock market break which preceded the White House announcement of the president's peace move was merely due to press reports anticipating official announcement.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES, INVESTIGATING "LEAK"

The preliminary investigation of the "leak" in connection with the Wilson peace note which is being conducted by the rules committee of the house was expected to bring forth sensational revelations. Democratic members of the committee were convinced that the testimony of the witnesses summoned to appear would determine whether the recent stock market break which preceded the White House announcement of the president's peace move was merely due to press reports anticipating official announcement.

BRIEF STATE NEWS

Naugatuck.—Rev. Chauncey B. Brewster, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Connecticut, made his regular visit to St. Michael's Episcopal church Sunday.

New Haven.—Hyman Jacobs was elected to the office of president of the Hebrew Charity association for the sixth consecutive term at the annual meeting of the society held Sunday.

Waterbury.—A postal was received recently by Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Gulliver of 51 Walnut street from their son, Carl C. Gulliver, dated Oct. 19, announcing the safe arrival at 4 a. m. that day in Constantinople of Harold Deane and other teachers of Harvard college, who were due there about

Sept. 1, but were detained on the way for some six weeks by official red tape.

Stamford.—The engagement of Miss Ella Brooks Beadle of Alameda, Cal., to Frank Livingston Warner of San Francisco, formerly of Stamford, has been announced. Miss Beadle is daughter of the late David Beadle and Mrs. Beadle had her father was a leading ship owner in San Francisco. Mr. Warner is now a broker in that city.